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Dear Parent and Student

Congratulations go to:

- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Bronze Merit Awards**:

Akshara N 7C	Sofia T 7C	Willow B 7S	Grace C 7S
Stanley G 7S	S Graham 7S	James N 7T	Jamal S 7T
Henry T 7T	Harry W 7T	Francesca N 8C	Maddy R 8C
Ava R 8C	Barnaby McC 8C	Darcie McE 8C	Molly McL 8C
Erik B 8S	Ava L 8S	Thomas S 8S	

- The following Middle School pupils who have achieved **25 Merits**:

Iria A 9C	Ezgi I 9C	Sebastian S 9C	Kacey H 9S
Max H 9T	Summer McG 10C	Dempsey C 10S	Lilly V 10T

- The following Lower School pupil who has achieved their **Silver Merit Award**:
  Alice W 7S

- The following pupils who have attained their **Subject Leader's Commendation:**

English	Ruby W 7C	
Extra-curricular Activity	Eliza C 9T	
Mathematics	Rhys L 7T	Henry T 7T
Science	Anas A 7C	Milan M 7C

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Non-Uniform Day** at the end of last term, which raised £1,041 for the **Make a Wish UK** charity.

Last term two Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) classes had the opportunity to participate in an online **Language Outreach** session run by Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), the UK's cybersecurity and intelligence agency. The session consisted of two parts - the first part providing an outline of the work the organisation does and the second providing students with the opportunity to practise both language and problem-solving skills by completing a sheet which involved cracking a code in French and deciphering hidden meanings in words. Yaminah A 9S, wishes to thank Mrs Sanderson, Miss Meakin and the MFL Team who ran the session, providing an invaluable experience, with a national language competition taking place from 16 to 20 November, which we will be sure to enter.

Remembrance Sunday is on **Sunday 8 November**, our Head Boy and Head Girl will be representing the school at St Wilfrid's Church on Sunday at 10.00 am. The school will be selling poppies around school prior to this event, in support of the Royal British Legion *Poppy Appeal 2026*, *cash only donations please.*

Our **Y9 Parents' Evening** is on **Tuesday 10 November** (4.30 – 7.30 pm) in the school hall. An appointments sheet is attached to this letter (and has been distributed to pupils); we suggest that a gap of 5 minutes is left between appointments. Please note that pupils are welcome to attend with you, but, if they do they must wear full school uniform. I do hope to see you there.



On sale in school from Monday 2 November.

Lincolnshire County Council wish to advise you that they a have a rolling advert for the position of **School Crossing Patrol Officers**, which includes West Street, Alford and Wainfleet Road, Burgh le Marsh. You can view their advert by clicking on: School Crossing Patrol

We are still seeking to appoint a **Clerk to Governors** for our school. If this might be something you are interested in but would like to initially discuss with me, please do contact Mrs Duff who will arrange an appointment. A job specification can be found at: Clerk to Governors

We will be holding our **Sixth Form Open Evening** on **Thursday 26 November**. This is an excellent opportunity for our **Year 11** students to learn more about the wide range of courses we offer in our Sixth Form. The evening will start at 6.00 pm. Attached is an invitation to the evening with further details, however if you have any queries regarding our Sixth Form in the interim, please do contact either myself or Head of Sixth Form, Mr Lavender at p.lavender@queenelizabeths.co.uk. *We look forward to welcoming you.*

The annual QEGS Christmas Concert is one of the highlights of the festive season and will take place **Wednesday 16 December at 6.30 pm** in the Main Hall.

The **Parking Team** within Lincolnshire County Council's Highways Service has recently secured funding from PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London) to develop a new road safety campaign called '**No Excuses**'. The campaign aims to improve safety outside schools by addressing unsafe and inconsiderate parking during school drop-off and pick-up times. Using real experiences, local evidence, and community feedback, we want to better understand the challenges faced by parents, guardians, schools, and local communities. To support this work, they have created a short survey for parents who regularly drop off or collect children from school.

The survey will help to:

- Understand the factors that influence parking and travel choices during the school run.
- Identify barriers and challenges faced by parents and carers when travelling to and from school.
- Shape future campaign messages, resources, and educational materials.
- Develop practical, evidence-led approaches to improve safety outside Lincolnshire schools.

Could we ask parents to complete this survey by clicking on this link**:** No Excuses Campaign Survey
The survey should only take a few minutes to complete, and every response will help ensure that the campaign reflects the experiences of families across Lincolnshire.

With this in mind, may we ask that if driving to school you **park sensibly along the main road outside school**, avoid parking on both sides either side of the school entrances, and never on the zigzag yellow lines as it causes difficulties for school buses and large vehicles to pass, and is potentially dangerous for pupils who need to cross the road as visibility is poor. Your understanding on this matter is appreciated.

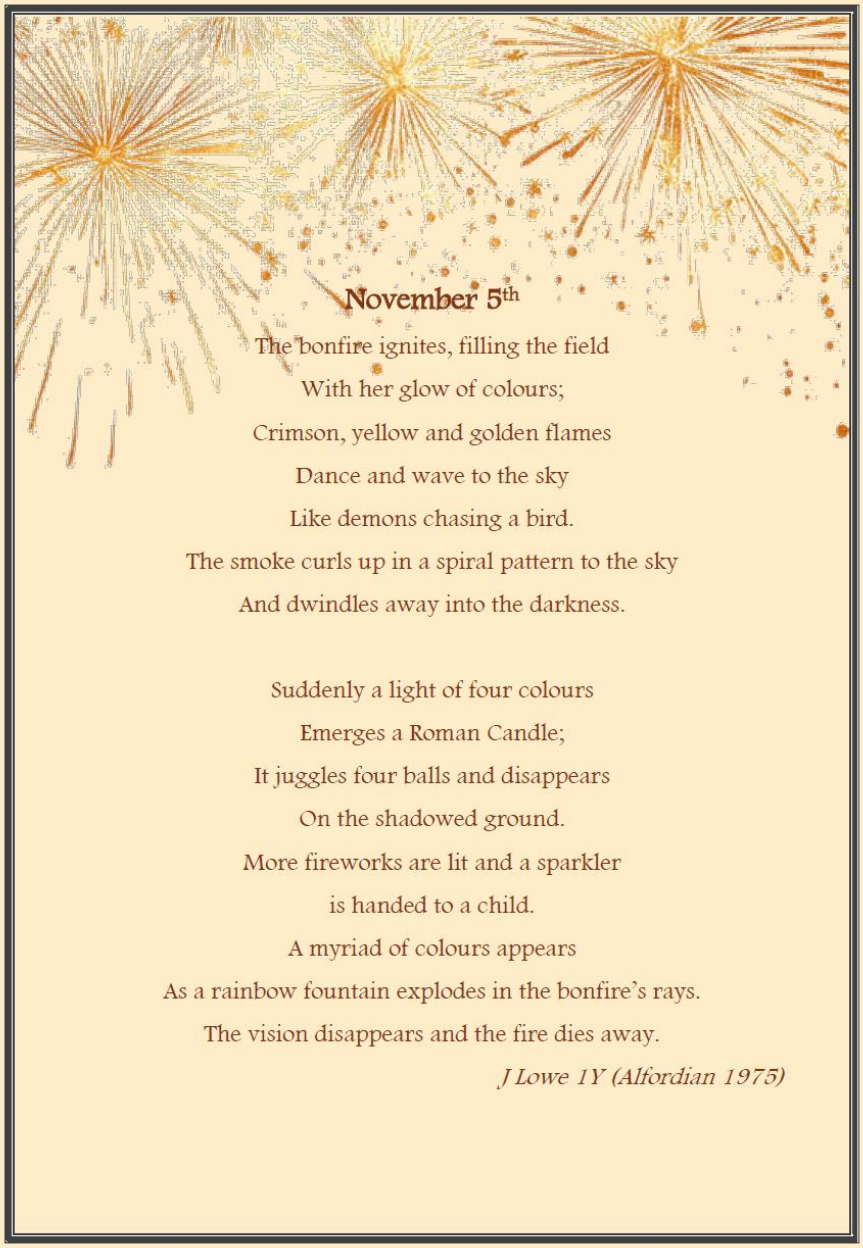
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Mr G Thompson
Headteacher



From the Archives'

From time to time, we will include an excerpt from our school archives, which I hope you will find of interest and will enable our current students and families to connect with our school's past. As we approach the winter months and Bonfire Night, I was reminded of a poem from our Archives, printed in the 1975 Alfordian. If you have any items which are linked to the school and would like to donate them to our archives, please contact Mrs Duff.



November 5th

The bonfire ignites, filling the field
With her glow of colours;
Crimson, yellow and golden flames
Dance and wave to the sky
Like demons chasing a bird.
The smoke curls up in a spiral pattern to the sky
And dwindles away into the darkness.

Suddenly a light of four colours
Emerges a Roman Candle;
It juggles four balls and disappears
On the shadowed ground.
More fireworks are lit and a sparkler
is handed to a child.
A myriad of colours appears
As a rainbow fountain explodes in the bonfire's rays.
The vision disappears and the fire dies away.

J Lowe 1Y (Alfordian 1975)